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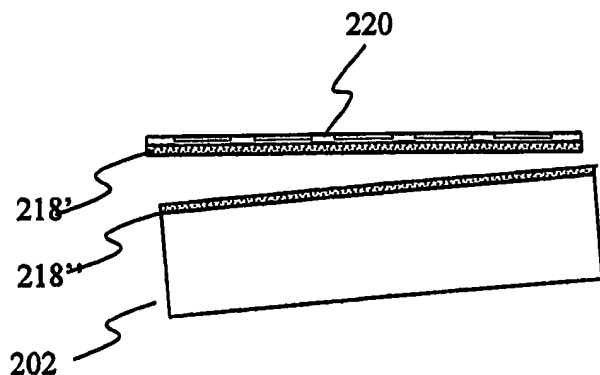
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(54) Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FABRICATING THIN DEVICES



(57) Abstract: Provided herein are various methods of and systems for fabricating ultra thin devices, multilayer devices, and vertically integrated devices. In one embodiment of the invention, a method of making a thin layer having a useful device thereon includes providing a device layer on a substrate with a release layer between the device layer and the substrate; forming one or more devices on the device layer; and separating the device layer from said substrate via processing of said release layer while minimizing or obviating damage to said devices formed on said device layer.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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Search Terms: semiconductor, "thin layer," fabrication, "release layer," porous, sub-layer, "weak bond," "strong bond," "crystalline ad substrate,"

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,682,990 B1 (Iwano et al.) 27 January 2004 (27.01.2004), entire document	1, 2
Y		3-19, 22-45
Y	US 2004/0082149 A1 (Sakaguchi et al.) 28 April 2004 (28.04.2004), Para [0037]; Figs. 2A and 2B	3-6, 12, 16, 28-31, 37, 41
Y	US 4,848,831 A (Gmitter et al.) 11 July 1989 (11.07.1989), Col. 6, lines 47-49	7, 13, 17, 24, 32, 38, 42
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Y	JP 63-155731 A (Iwada) 28 June 1988 (28.06.1988), (Abstract Fig. (b))	10-19, 35-44
Y	US 2005/0023528 A1 (Forbes) 03 February 2005 (03.02.2005), Abstract	22-45

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Group 1: Claims 1-45
 Group 2: Claims 46-51
 Group 3: Claims 52-66, 94-96
 Group 4: Claims 67-74
 Group 5: Claims 75-88
 Group 6: Claims 89-93
 Group 7: Claims 97-98
 Group 8: Claims 99-106

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